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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)

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For: PACKING)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please further amend claims 2 and 4 as follows:

2. (Five Times Amended) A packing, comprising:

a plurality of internally reinforced braiding yarns,

each of said internally reinforced braiding yarns including a plurality of

longitudinally arranged, spaced parallel reinforcing fiber yarns coated with adhesive and held

together by expanded graphite integrally bonded to and surrounding said reinforcing fiber yarns

with said adhesive, and

said plurality of said internally reinforced braiding yarns being braided

together to produce a packing string.

4. (Amended) The packing as defined in claim[s] 2, wherein said expanded

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